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Idaho National Laboratory recognizes employees during National Volunteer Week

The U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory Site is taking National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, to heart. In recognition of National Volunteer Week, four Site employees are being recognized for their individual efforts, and the Site will hold a food drive for the Idaho Falls Food Bank.

In 2006, employees working for DOE-Idaho, Battelle Energy Alliance, CH2M-WG Idaho and Bechtel BWXT Idaho contributed more than 220,000 hours of volunteer activities in eastern Idaho and throughout the state. In addition, these employees combined to contribute more than \$33.6 million in charitable contributions.

Of the many employees who volunteer their time, the four specifically recognized are receiving the "President's Call to Service Award." The award includes certificates of achievement, congratulatory letters from Pres. Bush, letters from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, and gold President's Award pins. This special recognition will go to:

Ladonna Foster, DOE-Idaho, for a more than 4,000 hours (lifetime) of volunteer service with several area organizations including the Pearl House Facility, the Idaho Falls Heritage Festival, the Yo Murphy Foundation, the Martin Luther King Banquet and several area high schools.

Kerry Lee Nisson, Battelle Energy Alliance, for more than 4,000 hours (lifetime) of service to the Epilepsy Foundation of Idaho Falls Board of Directors, the United Way, and participation in the Idaho Falls Youth Bowling Association.

Scott Simerly, CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC, for more than 4,000 hours (lifetime) of volunteer service with the Boy Scouts as a Youth Advisor and Teacher, and with Habitat for Humanity in Idaho Falls and in North Carolina.

Diane Long, DOE-Idaho, for more than 500 hours (in the past year) for volunteer service to Friends To Animals using her business expertise to manage fund for supporting rescuing, caring for, adoption services, spaying and neutering feral dogs and cats.

The INL Site is sponsoring a canned food drive – "We CAN Make a Difference – among the DOE and contractor employees during the week. Food collection boxes will be placed in Site facilities. The donations will be brought to the Engineering Research Office Building April 20 where they will be picked up by the Food Bank of Idaho Falls that afternoon.

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